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SUBJ: NETHERLANDS' FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS NORWAY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VON DER STOEL OF THE NETHERLANDS
AND HIS NORWEGIAN COUNTERPART, KNUT FRYDENLUND, SPENT
APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS TOGETHER FEBRUARY 17 ON A TOUR
D'HORIZON OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES
OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES. OUR SOURCE
IN THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO ATTENDED

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THE SESSION REPORTED THAT THE MEETING WAS DECIDEDLY

ROUTINE AND THE MINISTERS SHARED SIMILAR VIEWS ON ALL MAJOR SUBJECTS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT:

US-SOVIET RELATIONS -- GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE ABROGATION OF THE US-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT HAS NOT HARMED THE VITAL DETENTE PROCESS.

UN AFFAIRS -- IDENTICAL VIEW THAT STEAMROLLER TACTICS OF AFRO-ASIAN BLOC IN 29TH UNGA HAS HAD DESTABILIZING EFFECT ON US AND SERIOUS CONCERN THAT US WILL OVERREACT, WITHDRAW SUPPORT FROM UN AND THUS RENDER THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IMPOTENT.

DEFENSE OF OIL RIGS -- ALTHOUGH MINISTER VON DER STOEL STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION AMONG THE NORTH SEA OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN DEFENDING OFFSHORE OIL INSTALLATIONS, FRYDENLUND WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT, WHILE NORWAY DOES NOT RULE OUT MULTILATERAL COOPERATION, IT IS PREFERABLE FROM THE NORWEGIAN VIEWPOINT TO CONSIDER THE "PEACETIME" DEFENSE OF OIL RIGS OUTSIDE OF THE NATO CONTEXT. (EMBASSY COMMENT: ONCE AGAIN THE NORWEGIAN BALANCING ACT OF EXERCISING EXTREME CAUTION TO AVOID ANGERING THE NEIGHBORING RUSSIANS WHO HAVE ALREADY EXHIBITED SUBSTANTIAL ANXIETY ON THE SUBJECT.)

AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT -- THIS ISSUE IS NOTEWORTHY ONLY IN THAT IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY THE TWO MINISTERS.
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